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**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: August 14, 2012; 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Noblesville Fire Department, Station 77
15251 Olio Road
Noblesville, IN 46060

PRESENT: Leon Bell, Chairman, ALS Training Institute
Charles Ford, EMS Chief Executive Officer
Faril Ward, EMS Chief Operating Officer
Sara Brown, EMS Medical Director
Edward Bartkus, EMS Medical Director
Tina Butt, First Responder Training Director
Sherry Feters, Vice Chairman, EMS Chief Executive Officer
Michael McNutt, BLS Training Program Director
Jessica Lawley, ALS Training Program Director

NOT PRESENT: Michael Gamble, Emergency Department Director
Elizabeth Weinstein, EMS for Children

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Garvey, Chief of Staff, IDHS
Myron Mackey, EMS Commissioner
Stephanie Fahner, EMS for Children
Rick Archer, EMS State Director
Ken William, Fire Chief, Noblesville
John Zartman, EMS Commissioner
Other IDHS Staff

1) Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Bell

2) Roll call, quorum present

3) Adoption of minutes:

Mr. Faril Ward offered a motion to adopt the minutes from the June 5, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Edward Bartkus. The motion passed.

4) Public Comment: None

5) Announcements:

Chairman Bell suggested that everyone start watching and try to attend the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Trauma Committee meetings. The ISDH website has the dates, times and locations posted. Chairman Bell stated that the meetings only last about 2 hours and the Committee goes through a lot of information during the course of their meetings. The question was posed as to when the trauma rule that the EMS Commission voted on and accepted in March would take effect. Chairman Bell stated August 8, 2012 at midnight.

No action required.

The regular meeting was recessed at 10:13 am to break out into the sub-committee groups to let them have time to work on their assigned tasks. The regular meeting was reconvened at 11:27 am.

6) Old Business:

1) Mr. Michael McNutt gave an update on the process of the development of the Primary Instructor test. The test questions have been entered into Acadis Mr. McNutt is in the process of proof reading the questions.

No action required at this time.

2) Ms. Stephanie Fahner and Mr. McNutt reported out for the EMS for Children and continuing education requirements sub-committee:

a. Discussion was made regarding additions to the pediatrics/obstetrics continuing education requirements for

paramedics and possibly the addition to EMT Basic level continuing education hours. Revisions and/ or recommendations for all levels of EMS certification are being worked on as well. At this time the sub-committee is not ready to make a recommendation regarding the continuing education to the EMS Commission.

- b. The sub-committee found that 150 ALS provider organizations do not have Magill forceps. It would cost \$170 to get one hundred percent compliance for all ALS provider organizations.
- c. In regards to pediatric Broslow's tape, 75 ALS provider organizations do not currently carry the pediatric length base tapes. It would cost \$1,875 to get every ALS provider organization ambulance one hundred percent compliant.
- d. In regards to pediatric pulse oximetry, 376 ALS provider organizations do not currently carry them. It will cost \$20,680 to get every ALS provider organization ambulance equipped. The EMS for Children group is able to pair organizations up with charitable organizations to help offset the cost if the EMS organizations are interested.

The information as to how many organizations are not currently carrying the pediatric equipment is based upon a survey conducted by EMS for Children.

Mr. McNutt offered a motion to recommend to the EMS Commission that Magill forceps, pediatric Broslow's tape, and pediatric pulse oximetry all be made a part of the required equipment list for Advanced Life Support ambulances. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tina Butt. A vote was taken 6 members were for the recommendation and 2 opposed. The motion passed.

Chairman Bell recommends that the EMS Commission make an announcement regarding the availability of state QPA system.

- 3) Dr. Edward Bartkus reported out on the sub-committee for practical skills evaluation sheets updates.
 - a. All skills sheets for the EMT Basic level were looked over; The importance of affective domain was discussed.

Dr. Edward Bartkus offered a motion to recommend to the EMS Commission that the skills sheets be adopted as written by the Fire

Chief's Association with the addition of affective domain as a critical fail, on all stations that are supposed to be live patients, so that a reason has to be given for the failure. The motion was seconded by Mr. McNutt. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Faril Ward offered an amendment to Dr. Bartkus's motion to add the inclusion of written examples or instructions for evaluators in order for them to clearly understand what they are evaluating at each station.

The TAC members also voted to use the Bleeding Control/Shock Management sheet that awards 8 possible points rather than the current 10 possible points.

- 4) Chairman Bell inquired if IDHS staff has sent out the survey regarding EVOC training: what each provider organizations insurance provider requires and what training/certification their insurance will accept? Director Archer stated that IDHS has not yet sent out the survey because staff wanted to make sure there was not any additional information the TAC wanted to obtain from provider organizations. Discussion followed.

Chairman Bell stated that he would put together a list of questions and send them to IDHS for the survey.

- 5) Ms. Jessica Lawley reported out for the Basic Advanced to AEMT sub-committee.
 - a. The sub-committee worked together and put together an implementation guide for Training Institutions in regards to the AEMT course. After the TAC members reviewed the document some minor changes were suggested.

Ms. Sherry Fetters offered a motion to add the wording to page 4 of the guide "You cannot teach elements outside of the current national curriculum as approved by the EMS Commission without a waiver from the commission. The motion was seconded by Dr. Edward Bartkus. A vote was taken, three (3) members voted to approve, five (5) members opposed, one (1) member abstained. The motion failed.

After further discussion the TAC members agreed to revisit the issue of additions to the AEMT course at their next scheduled meeting.

Dr. Bartkus offered a motion to accept the sub-committees guideline document with the agreed upon correction. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charles Ford. The motion was passed.

7) New Business:

- 1) Chairman Bell opened a discussion regarding additions to the AEMT course.

Mr. Faril Ward offered a motion to table any discussion about additions to the AEMT course until the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services makes a decision as to if the new Advanced level is going to be BLS or ALS. The motion was seconded by Mr. Michael McNutt. The motion passed.

- 2) Chairman Bell reported out on the results of the Intermediate to Paramedic pilot program.
 - a. 21 students started the course
 - b. 1 student dropped out
 - c. 20 graduated
 - d. 12 students passed within the first three (3) attempts
 - e. 1 student failed once and as of the date of the report out had not retested
 - f. 5 students have not tested yet
 - g. 2 failed 3 times or have not re-attempted

Ms. Sherry Fetter offered a motion to use the curriculum from the pilot program as a template for future courses. The motion was seconded by Mr. Faril Ward. The motion passed.

- 3) Meeting will be held at Noblesville Fire Station 77 on October 2, 2012 at 10:00am.

Dr. Edward Bartkus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sherry Fetter. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:38p.m.

Approved _____
Leon Bell, Chairman

